AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims below replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Withdrawn): A reinforcing fiber sheet characterized by having a cloth core (4) comprising a cloth layer (13) constructed of vertically and horizontally woven vertical strips (11) and horizontal strips (12) which are assemblages of numerous reinforcing fibers, and a binding and reinforcing layer (14) impregnated into the cloth layer (13) so as to allow the cloth layer (13) to deform at ordinary room temperature with the vertical strips (11) and horizontal strips (12) remaining in a mutually bonded state.

2. (Withdrawn): The reinforcing fiber sheet according to claim 1 wherein a synthetic resin high-stretch sheet material (6) which is transparent and has a good stretch is applied to the binding and reinforcing layer (14) of the cloth core (4).

3. (Withdrawn): The reinforcing fiber sheet according to claim 2, wherein the high-stretch sheet material (6) comprises a synthetic resin base sheet (15) and a binding and reinforcing layer (16) which is formed on a back side of the base sheet (15) by impregnating the base sheet (15) with an ink (30) that exhibits good flexibility after drying.

4. (Withdrawn): A dress-up sheet characterized in that an adhesive layer (7) is provided on a back side of the reinforcing fiber sheet (1) according to claim 2 or 3, and a release sheet (8) is applied to a back side of the adhesive layer (7).

5. (Withdrawn): A dress-up sheet characterized in that a cushioning layer (9) is provided on a back side of the reinforcing fiber sheet (1) according to claim 2 or 3.

6. (Currently Amended): A method of manufacturing a reinforcing fiber sheet comprising the following steps (a) to (c):

(a) a first step in which a screen is set on top of a cloth layer of an assemblage of reinforcing fibers constructed of vertically and horizontally woven vertical strips and horizontal strips ~~which are assemblages of reinforcing fibers~~ such that the vertical strips and horizontal strips readily come undone when the cloth layer is pulled diagonally;

(b) a second step in which an ink that exhibits required flexibility after drying is supplied onto the screen and screen printing is carried out, thereby impregnating the cloth layer with the ink; and

(c) a third step in which the cloth layer impregnated with the ink is dried, forming a cloth core, the vertical strips and horizontal strips together being bonded in such a way that, when the cloth core is pulled in a diagonal direction, the vertical and horizontal strips remain in a bonded state while the vertical and horizontal strips become inclined to each other forming a rhombic shape, thereby preventing the cloth layer from unraveling.

wherein said screen has a mesh size of mesh number ~~of 45 to 75~~ which corresponds to 1/4 to 1/3 of mesh number specified for ordinary screen printing of said ink.

7. (Previously presented): The method of manufacturing a reinforcing fiber sheet according to claim 6, further comprising the following step (d):

(d) a fourth step in which a synthetic resin sheet material which is transparent is applied to the cloth core.

8. (Previously presented): The method of manufacturing a reinforcing fiber sheet according to claim 7, wherein the high-stretch sheet material in the fourth step is obtained by screen-printing using a screen that is coarser than the standard mesh size and thereby coating an ink that exhibits good flexibility after drying onto a back side of a synthetic resin base sheet for the ink, then drying the ink.

9. (Cancelled).

10. (Previously presented): The method of manufacturing a reinforcing fiber sheet according to any one of claims 6 to 8, wherein coating of the ink onto the cloth layer and drying are carried out two or more times.